

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013982 filed on December 10, 2003, entitled, "Method And Apparatus For Heat Treatment In A Fluidized Bed" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 102 60 741.9 filed on December 23, 2002.